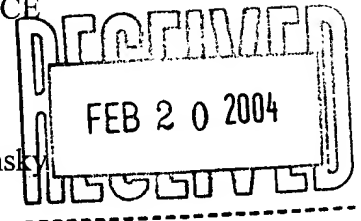




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TETSUYA YANO, ET AL. )  
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Application No.: 09/430,029 )  
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Filed: October 29, 1999 )  
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For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING )  
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE : )  
GENE, RECOMBINANT : )  
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED : )  
MICROORGANISM, METHOD : )  
FOR DEGRADING : )  
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC : )  
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS : )  
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS, )  
AND METHOD FOR : )  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2003, please amend the  
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